



# The New Vision

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Sunday Worship Service is in house and live streamed Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MountvilleCOB>

Nursery care is available for younger children and Children's Worship for age 4 through 6th grade.

#### Our Staff:

Angela Finet – Pastor  
John Hess – Director of Music  
Gloria Hess – Organist  
Jackie Sands – Office Administrator  
Mary Rudy – Custodian

Mountville Church of the Brethren is located at the corner of College, Hoover, & Clay Streets in Mountville, PA. If you have further questions regarding the Mountville Church, please feel free to call the church office at 717-285-5122 or 717-285-7424 or email : [Office@Mountvillecob.org](mailto:Office@Mountvillecob.org)

## Love Notes from Pastor Angela

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.*

*~~ 1 John 4:7a*

One thing I enjoy in my time off is reading books for fun. Sometimes they are historical fiction. Sometimes they are mysteries. Sometimes they are books sitting in my “to be read” pile – which is extra satisfying.

One of my Sabbath reads was *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown. In her book, she waits until page 187 to attempt to define “love.” After much research, here is what she came up with:

“We cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable and powerful selves to be deeply seen and known, and when we honor the spiritual connection that grows from that offering with trust, respect, kindness, and affection.”

Trust. Respect. Kindness. Affection.

She concludes by writing, “We need more *real love*. Gritty, dangerous, wild-eyed, justice-seeking love.”

This is the kind of love Jesus demonstrated. It's the kind of love the Apostle Paul calls us to. And it's the kind of love God has already lavished upon you. Open yourselves up to receive it. God will fill you so full that you can't help but splash it on those around you.

Beloveds, let us love one another!

Peacefully,  
Pastor Angela



## Bits 'n Pieces

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of my friends and family for the many prayers for healing during my recent accident & continued recovery of my broken arm. Thank you all so much for the beautiful cards, texts, emails, phone calls, visits, flowers, food and those that drove Miss Susie around for the past 7 weeks. I am very grateful for all of you. Love and blessings to all. - Sue

Good friends are like angels. We don't always know how many are around us, but they are always there. Thanks for being there for me during the passing of brother-in-law, John, and his daughter Joan . Much Love, Holly

My family planned a surprise 3-day birthday bash to celebrate my milestone birthday. I want to thank all of you who sent cards, or flowers or who sent your best wishes on the video. I was quite surprised. You certainly made it a very special day for me, and I treasure your best wishes and friendship. - Marian

Friends, I received a lovely fresh flower bouquet yesterday (Royer's Florist) from the congregation! The mix of colors is beautiful and the scent of the roses, heavenly! Thank you for honoring my time with you in such a touching way! I truly enjoyed the 7 weeks that I was with you. The congregation is a delight and a joy! Every single person was gracious, welcoming and helpful. I will continue cherishing the great opportunity afforded me to meet such a warm and caring group! Thank you for having me. I look forward to future times when our paths will cross. I'll keep my finger on your pulse through my friendship with Angela. Again, thank you for your warm hospitality! With deep appreciation...Jan Glass

Thank you for all the birthday wishes. They were so great that I'm going to celebrate a 91st birthday every year from now on!!!! Blessings, Dave

Dear Friends and Family of MCOB, How kind you were to remember me with cards, texts and inquiries regarding my broken rib. How blessed Harold and I have been since becoming a part of this congregation! Many thanks to all of you. - Janice

Hempfield Area Food Bank Vice President, Diane Gerlach, thanks us for our recent contribution of \$59.

Paige McFarling, Executive Director at Lancaster County Food Hub sends thanks for our generous gift of \$1,427. "Your generous support means so much, thank you!"

## August Sermon Topics



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| Aug. 3  | Acts 16:6-15 - The people you meet along the way                     |
| Aug. 10 | Acts 16:16-40 - No walls can hold me                                 |
| Aug. 17 | Philippians 4:1-20 - The blessing of unending relationships          |
| Aug. 24 | Acts 17:10-15, Acts 20:1-6, Philippians 1:1-11 - Encourage and Equip |
| Aug. 31 | Acts 17:16-34 - Making the Unknown Known                             |



# CWS and MCOB: Responding to the needs of the world

By Lois Silver, member of the Outreach Ministry Team

We have built a wonderful relationship with Church World Service (CWS) over more than a decade, particularly through our kit ministry, financial donations, and refugee resettlement efforts.

However, in 2025, the kind of support that CWS needs has drastically changed. Due to funding cuts, CWS, a faith-based organization working in communities to respond to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster, finds itself in need of more flexible kinds of help.

After several conversations with them, we have learned that we can better meet their needs and the needs of those they minister to through financial assistance, which they can allocate and direct in response to urgent requests. The Outreach Ministry Team is recommending that we, as a congregation, focus on our financial gifts to CWS, increasing them as we are able. Please mark envelopes with your donations: Kits Projects. CWS will determine the best use of those funds, and assemble needed kits on site to meet the demands of our neighbors locally and around the world.

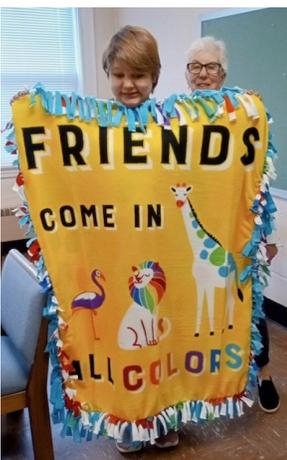
Questions: See Dianna Zimmerman or another member of the Outreach Ministry Team.

## Good Will Posse

On June 4, a few of the members of the Stitch, Sew and Share group made a visit to Lancaster General Hospital to deliver the articles our group had made. If you have visited LGH recently, you are aware that even visitors must wear identification. As our hospital ID's were being prepared, one of the ladies preparing them called us the "Good Will Posse".

Susan and Vickie from Volunteer Services escorted us and our bags of donations to their department. The bags contained 11 pillows for breast cancer patients, 3 fleece blankets, 4 crocheted blankets/throws, and 6 fidget blankets. It was so fun to watch the ladies take each item from the bags and hear them exclaim how beautiful it was, how helpful it would be and how much they appreciated all our work. Almost like they were opening gifts on a Christmas morning!

Of course, this is a task that is never completed. There is always a need for the items that our group makes so we continue our ministry by knitting, crocheting and sewing. If you would like to join this ministry, the Stitch, Sew and Share group meets every Wednesday 1 - 3 pm between September and May. We take some time off over the summer and only meet for lunch. Watch the Sunday bulletins for details or see Janice Ulmer about specifics for the lunches.



# **Silent Auction & Dinner**

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Benefit Disaster Relief

Doors open 4:00 p.m.     Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Auction Winners announced at 7:00 p.m.

Auction items available for preview on Sunday, September 7  
following morning services.

Dinner tickets will be available before and after church  
August 3 through August 31.

## **Cost**

\$18 adult   \$8 age 10 and under   Age 2 & under free

## **Menu**

Salad Bar

Applesauce

Lasagna

Italian Bread

Cupcakes

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade

\*Att. Vegan, Dairy, etc.

Pasta w/marinara sauce available.

Order when you purchase a ticket.

\*\*Take-outs if ordered ahead.

# Blessing of the Students & Pizza Party Set for August 17, 2025

Our Sunday service August 17th will feature our annual “Blessing of the Students” tradition including pizza, ice cream, and other tasty treats following worship.

Our 10:15 a.m. worship that day will include a special blessing for students of all ages along with recognition of teachers and other school staff. And then Immediately following the service all families, friends, and guests are invited to enjoy a delicious pizza lunch in Fellowship Hall.

You will be sure to find your favorite pizza toppings, salad, beverages, fresh cut fruit, and desserts including a sundae bar! The food and fellowship will be provided, so just please bring your appetite.

So right now, as you read your New Vision, remember to circle AUG. 17 in **RED** on your calendar as a special day for **BLESSINGS, FELLOWSHIP, PIZZA, and ICE CREAM.**



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## Transportation Disaster Relief Auction September 27, 2025

The bus trip to the auction has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

We could carpool from the church if there are enough people interested.

Please let Janet Schwert know if you would be a driver or would like a ride no later than September 7, 2025.

Thank you.

## Items Needed for Mountville COB Auction

We need craft items, baskets or services to be auctioned at our Silent Auction on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

If possible, we would like to have a preview day on Sunday, September 7 after church.

All proceeds will be sent to the Disaster Relief Auction at Lebanon on September 27.

Contact Gail Druck, Phyllis Kepner, Lori Lauver, Anne Schanz, Janet Schwert, or Shannon Woolman if you can donate an item.

# Glimpses from the Past

## Members Honored for Half Century Service

A special recognition for thirty-nine church members was held Sunday, October 20, 1968. The members, all having fifty years or more service with the church, were each presented with a certificate reading, "In Appreciation for Devoted and Faithful Service Rendered." The presentations were made by Mrs. Ray Enders, assisted by Guy Saylor.

The members recognized were: Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Bushong - 65 yrs., Mrs. John Enders - 67 yrs., Mrs. Edna Fellenbaum - 55 yrs., Harry Gerlach - 65 yrs., Ralph Gerlach - 51 yrs., Mrs. Paul Ginder - 51 yrs., Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Gipe - 55 yrs., John Graham - 55 yrs., Mrs. John Graham - 60 yrs., Mrs. Elizabeth Graybill - 51 yrs., Samuel Heisey - 54 yrs., Mrs. Alice Henne - 50 yrs., Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hess - 51 yrs., Miss Adaline Knisely - 55 yrs., John Kraybill - 53 yrs., Mrs. John Kraybill - 69 yrs., Mrs. Freeman Lenhart - 63 yrs., Mrs. Benjamin Manning - 60 yrs., Mrs. Cora Miller - 51 yrs., Mrs. Mary Miller - 55 yrs., Mrs. Walter Miller - 57 yrs., Alvin Musser - 63 yrs., Mrs. Alvin Musser - 59 yrs., Norman Musser - 66 yrs., Mrs. Anna Neff - 56 yrs., Ira Neff - 64 yrs., Mrs. Ira Neff - 59 yrs., Mrs. Emma Nolt - 53 yrs., Mrs. Harry Sauder - 53 yrs., Willis Sauder - 53 yrs., Miss Ella Seifert - 55 yrs., Mr. and Mrs. Abram Sheaffer - 53 yrs., Mrs. Cora Shank - 60 yrs., Harry Wile - 59 yrs., and Mrs. Elizabeth Young.

The service included the chancel choir singing "Send Out Thy Spirit" under the direction of Mrs. Gene Swords; Miss Nancy Hollinger, organist; and the Rev. Luke H Brandt delivered the morning message entitled "Wisdom."

Following the service, members of the Youth Fellowship held the annual "Honorary Banquet" for church members over seventy years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burkholder, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller and Willis Nolt were advisers of the Youth Fellowship.



Members of the Mountville Church of the Brethren attended an annual "Honorary Banquet" for those over seventy years of age sponsored by the CBYF, Sunday, following the Worship Service where they were recognized for fifty years of church service. Seated in first row, left to right, are: Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Cora Miller, Mrs. John Enders, Mrs. Freeman Lenhart, Mrs. Cora Shank, Miss Adaline Knisely, Mrs. Elizabeth Graybill, Mrs. Alice Henne, Mrs. Mahlon Bushong; seated second row, left to right, John Graham, Mrs. Ralph Gerlach, Mrs. Benjamin Manning, Mrs. Ira Neff, Mrs. Harry Sauder, Mrs. Alvin Musser, Mrs. Harry Holsinger, Mrs. Paul Ginder, Mahlon Bushong, Mrs. Luke H. Brandt (pastor's wife); standing in the rear, left to right are, Mrs. John Graham, John Birk, Ralph Gerlach, Benjamin Manning, Ira Neff, Harry Sauder, Alvin Musser, Harry Holsinger, Paul Ginder, Harry Gerlach, Norman Musser, and the Rev. Luke H. Brandt, pastor.

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# AUGUST SERVERS

## Worship Leaders

- 3 - Phyllis Kepner
- 10 - Kathy Long
- 17 - Joel Musser
- 24 - Tim Wrightson
- 31 - Walt VanderHeijden

## Ushers

- Wendy Allshouse
- Bob Keller
- Barry Lauver
- Daryl Strine

## Children's Worship

- 3 - Rebekah Preist, Beth Hess
- 10 - Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
- 17 - Gina Bautista, Joy Meley
- 24 - Kathy Long, Connie Renn
- 31 - Family Woship

## Greeters

- 3 - Wendy Allshouse, Jeralyn Rettew
- 10 - Larry & Janice Booz, Upper Narthex  
- Nanette Bushong, Walt VanderHeijden
- 17 - Tim & Gail Wrightson
- 24 - Lois Silver
- 31 - Bill & Phyllis Kepner

## Nursery

- 3 - Joan Boshnaugle
- 10 - Beth Hess
- 17 - Lori Lauver
- 24 - Betsy Thomas
- 31 - Regina Schulz

## Mountville COB June 2025 Tithes & Offerings

For General Fund	\$	32,650.87
Designated	\$	2,560.00

*Thank you for your faithful gifts!*

**WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US THIS YEAR**

**COBYS 2025**  
**BIKE & HIKE**

Sunday,  
**September 7, 2025**  
Lititz Church of the Brethren

10 & 25-mile Bicycle Rides  
3-mile Walk  
The Tasty Tour  
Ice Cream!

**COBYS**  
Family Services

Visit [www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike](http://www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike) for more information

## Glimpses from the Past: Members Honored for Half Century Service

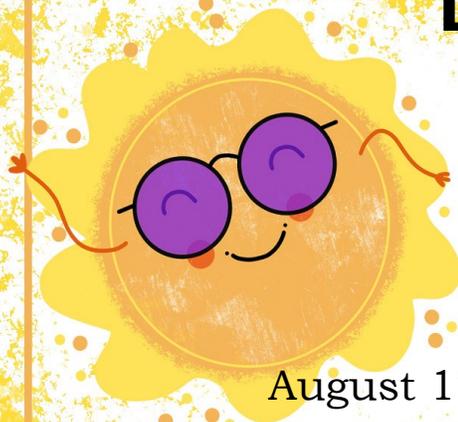
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Members of the Youth Fellowship who served the dinner were: Carol Binkley, Donald Brandt, Becky Bushong, David Enders, Douglas Finkbiner, Donald Heisey, Marian Heisey, Sue Landis, Beverly Miller, Kathy Miller, Esther Snader, Jerry Snader, Rick Swords, and Ted Swords.

The above information and photo courtesy of The Columbia News October 20, 1968.

Watch this space again next month for another *Glimpse from the Past* - perhaps something found in our archives or something from our church history. Submitted by Janice Ulmer.

# LOOKING AHEAD



August 9: Mens & Womens Breakfasts  
@ Centerville Diner, 9:00 a.m.

August 13: Stitch 'n Sew 'n Share @  
Silver Spring Restaurant, 11:45 a.m.

August 17: Blessing of the Students, Pizza & Ice  
Cream Party

September 7: COBYS Bike, Hike & Tasty Tour  
fundraiser

September 11: Bible Study on "Sabbath" begins.

*Deadline for the September 2025 New Vision articles is **Sunday, August 10, 2025.***



*"Your young . . . shall see Visions -  
your old . . . shall dream Dreams."  
- Acts 2:17-21*

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